GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN MEDICAL DEGREES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some foreign medical degrees are not recognised by the Medical Council of India(MCI);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken to protect the interest of the Indian students who received medical education in Russia?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (d): With the coming into force of the Indian Medical Council (Amendment) Act, 2001 and the Screening Test Regulations 2002 framed thereunder, any Indian national possessing a primary medical qualification awarded by any medical institution outside India and desirous of getting provisional or permanent registration to practice medicine in India shall have to qualify a Screening test prescribed for that purpose. The foreign primary medical degree possessed by the person concerned should be a qualification recognized for enrollment as a medical practitioner in the country in which the medical institute is situated. In accordance with the above Regulations, the Indian students who have received medical degrees from Russia shall also be eligible to get registration to practice medicine in India provided they have qualified the Screening test.